

PATENT 8048-1029

## IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Masahiro KATO et al.

Conf. 4913

Application No. 10/618,705

Group 2655

Filed July 15, 2003

Examiner Unassigned

INFORMATION, RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREOF, AND WAVEFORM DATA GENERATING DEVICE AND METHOD THEREOF

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 15, 2005

Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the accompanying documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited by the European Patent Office in the corresponding European Application Serial No. 03254378.7. A copy of the European Search Report in which they were cited is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUNG & THOMPSON

Robert J. Patch, Reg. No. 17,355

745 South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

Arlington, VA 22202

Telephone (703) 521-2297

Telefax (703) 685-0573

(703) 979-4709

RJP/lrs

-11

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CHARBON					8048-1029		Application No.: 10/618,705			
IN AN APPLICATION					Applicant: Masahiro KATO et al.					
(Use several sheets if necessary)  (Use Several sheets if necessary)					Filing Date: July 15, 2003		Group Art Unit: 2655			
		V	(BOPPE)	ENT	DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initial			Date		Name		Subclass		Filing date (if appropriate)	
	6,339,578		1/15/2002		SASAKI et al.					
-										
				<del> </del>			-			
				┼						
				$\vdash$			<del> </del>			
				$\blacksquare$						
			OPEICN	L DATE	ENT DOCUMENTS			,		
Examiner	Document Number Date				Country	Clas	lass Subclass Translation			
Initial	EP 1 061 509 A2		12/20/2000					Yes	No	
	EP 0 467 616 A2 WO 01/57856		01/22/19		Europe Europe				ļ	
			08/09/2001		International			-		
						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		-	-	
			-							
<u>l</u>	OTHER DOCUM	AENTS	(Including		ther Title Date Darting				<u></u>	
<u>-</u>	OTHER DOCUM	MENIS	(including	JAu	thor, Title, Date, Pertine	ent Pages,	Etc.)			
1										
EVAMIN				1 6	DATE CONSIDERED					
EXAMINER:					DATE CONSIDERED					
EXAMINE not in con	ER: Initial if citation considere formance and not considered	d, wheth	er or not cit	tation	is in conformance with MPI m with next communication	EP § 609. It	Draw line thro	ugh citat	tion if	

<sup>\*</sup> Abstract provided for the Examiner's convenience